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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on February 22, 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

This application filed February 22, 2002, is a continuation of PCT/US00/23161 with the international filing date of August 23, 2000, which claims benefit to US provisional application 60/150,266 filed August 23, 1999.

Applicants' preliminary amendment filed February 22, 2002, has been received and entered. The specification has been amended. Claims 4, 10 and 20 have been amended. Claims 1-40 are pending and currently under examination.

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 2, 4-7, drawn to a method of modifying the cell cycle comprising decreasing the level of pro-apoptotic p193, classified in class and subclass dependent on the agent used to affect the change.
- II. Claims 3-5, 8, 21, 22 and 34, drawn to drawn to a method of modifying the cell cycle comprising increasing the level of pro-apoptotic p193, classified in class and subclass dependent on the agent used to affect the change.
- III. Claim 9, drawn to a method of modifying the cell cycle further comprising affecting p53, classified in class and subclass dependent on the agent used to affect the change.

- IV. Claim 10, drawn to a method of modifying the cell cycle further comprising affecting E1A, classified in class and subclass dependent on the agent used to affect the change.
- V. Claims 11-14, 23-27, drawn to a vector encoding p193, classified in class 536, subclass 23.4.
- VI. Claims 15-17, drawn to a host cell comprising a vector that encodes p193, classified in class 435, subclass 325.
- VII. Claims 18-20, 28-30, drawn to a p193 protein, classified in class 530, subclass 350.
- VIII. Claims 31-33, drawn to an antibody that binds p193, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1.
- IX. Claim 35, drawn to an isolated apoptosis associated protein comprising a BH3 domain, classified in class 530, subclass 300.
- X. Claim 36, drawn to a nucleic acid sequence that encodes protein comprising a BH3 domain, classified in class 536, subclass 23.4.
- XI. Claims 37-40, drawn to a method for screening agents affect on the cell cycle, classified in class 435, subclass 325.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Claims 1 link(s) inventions I-IV. The restriction requirement between the linked inventions is subject to the nonallowance of the linking claim(s), claim 1. Upon the allowance of the linking claim(s), the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions shall be withdrawn and any claim(s) depending from or otherwise including all the limitations of the allowable

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linking claim(s) will be entitled to examination in the instant application. Applicant(s) are advised that if any such claim(s) depending from or including all the limitations of the allowable linking claim(s) is/are presented in a continuation or divisional application, the claims of the continuation or divisional application may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Where a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 44 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

Inventions I-IV are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions are drawn to different methods requiring different materials to practice and result in materially different outcomes. In each case different molecules are delivered uniquely affecting the cell cycle. For example group I decreases the level of p193 presumably reducing apoptosis wherein group II increases the level of p193 presumably increasing apoptosis. Each require different accomplishing different affects with different materials.

Inventions V and I are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case the level of p193 may be increased by other means than expressing the protein itself. Further, the vector can be used in other methods, such as those that provide a recombinant protein for purification.

Inventions V-X are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions encompass different products that are materially different with different inherent properties, requiring different handling and can be used in different exclusive methods.

Inventions I-IV and XI are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions encompass different methods that require different method steps to practice and different materials.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, and the search required for one group is not the same nor coextensive with that of any of the other groups, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the

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application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Woitach whose telephone number is (571) 272-0739.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Deborah Reynolds, can be reached at (571) 272-0734.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group analyst Dianiece Jacobs whose telephone number is (571) 272-0532.

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